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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I am appalled by the amount of waste I see, routinely going to landfill. There are three main areas where I think we need better action to address this issue.

1. Better packaging laws - non recyclable packaging should be banned, while I understand this will have the most impact when implemented across the country, Victoria has lead the way on issues in the past and this can be another.
2. Construction of Commercial composting facilities - at the moment we have just 1 facility and it is in Shepparton, making the cost of transportation of organic and food waste an impediment to diverting it from landfill. Companies like Jeffries in SA, should be encouraged to open Vic operations.
3. Banning the sale or use of single use plastics like straws, bags, disposable plastic cutlery and plates. Home biodegradable products would divert all that waste from landfill. We need legislation and cannot wait for companies to take the lead on this, it needs to be implemented across the board to be effective.
4. Container deposit scheme- for cans and bottles. We are the laggard on this issue, SA has had it for years, even NSW have been able to implement it effectively in recent times, not sure why Vic is not yet doing it. For a start waste depots in each Council area could be the collection points, that would give state wide coverage till more locations can be sourced for added convenience.

We have to act, the stock piles of recyclables, mountains of landfill waste are not sustainable and are damaging the very earth we and all other creatures depend on for survival.

-- Anne Makhijani

I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.